

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2966
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SEAFOOD PROCESSING UNITS .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to import raw-material with a view to make the country a seafood processing hub;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) Whether the Government has received requests from States especially from Government of Kerala for establishing Seafood Processing Units; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b)There is already a provision in the Foreign Trade Policy to import raw materials exclusively for export purposes under the Advance Import Authorization Scheme. A Package for Marine Sector has also been incorporated in the Foreign Trade Policy under which duty free import of specified specialized inputs / chemicals and flavoring oils etc. are allowed to the extent of 1% of f.o.b. value of preceding financial years export and import of monofilament longline system for tuna fishing are allowed at a concessional rate of duty.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.